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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

1. (Currently amended) A method for language enhancement, comprising:
receiving over a data network data representing text from a user;
computationally identifying grammatical constructs within the text;
computationally enhancing the [[received]] text by determining at least one alternate text portion based on a user specific profile for at least one original portion of the text, the alternate text portion being consistent with the grammatical constructs of the original portion and having substantially the same meaning as the original portion but conveying a different impression; and
wherein the user specific profile is based on writing provided by the user.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion, when substituted for the original portion generates grammatically correct text.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one adjective for a noun from the original portion.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one synonym for an idiom from the original portion.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one idiom for the original portion.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one adverb for a verb from the original portion.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the original portion of text is a single word.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the original portion of text is a clause.

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9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the original portion of text is an idiom.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion is compliant with a selected predefined profile.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the selected predefined profile is a legal profile.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the selected predefined profile is a scientific profile.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the selected predefined profile is a medical profile.

14. (Previously presented) A language enhancement apparatus, comprising:

- a memory for storing text from a user;

- a natural language parser for identifying grammatical constructs within the text;

- a natural language enricher for enhancing the text by determining at least one alternate text portion based on a user specific profile for at least one original portion of the text, the alternate text portion being consistent with the grammatical constructs of the original portion and having substantially the same meaning as the original portion but conveying a different impression; and

- wherein the user specific profile is based on writing provided by the user.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion, when substituted for the original portion generates grammatically correct text.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one adjective for a noun from the original portion.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one synonym for an idiom from the original portion.

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18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one idiom for the original portion.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one adverb for a verb from the original portion.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the original portion of text is a single word.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the original portion of text is a clause.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the original portion of text is an idiom.

23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion is compliant with a selected predefined profile.

24. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the selected predefined profile is a legal profile.

25. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the selected predefined profile is a scientific profile.

26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the selected predefined profile is a medical profile.

27. (Previously presented) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform the steps of:

receiving text from a user;

identifying grammatical constructs within the text;

enhancing the received text by determining at least one alternate text portion based on a user specific profile for at least one original portion of the text, the alternate text portion being consistent with the grammatical constructs of the original portion, and having substantially the same meaning as the original portion but conveying a different impression; and

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wherein the user specific profile is based on writing provided by the user.

39. (Currently amended) A web service comprising:

receiving over a data network data representing a request including one or more sentences of natural language text;

algorithmically deriving at least one suggestion for enhancing the one or more sentences based on a user specific profile, the at least one suggestion conveying a different impression but retaining substantially the same meaning, and the user specific profile being based on writing provided by the user; and

returning a response including the at least one suggestion; wherein returning a response includes transmitting data over a data network, which data may be rendered by a client application to show text indicative of the response.

40. (Original) The web service of claim 39 wherein the at least one suggestion is encoded using a first parameter to designate a word position within a sentence, a second parameter to designate an action, a third parameter to designate a priority, and a fourth parameter to designate at least one word.

41. (Original) The web service of claim 40 wherein possible actions include replace, delete, insert, before and insert after.

42. (Original) The web service of claim 40 wherein possible priorities include must, recommended and optional.

43. (Original) The web service of claim 40 wherein the fourth parameter is a reference to at least one word residing within a dictionary of words.

44. (Original) The web service of claim 43 wherein the dictionary of words resides in a dictionary server computer.

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45. (Original) The web service of claim 39 wherein the at least one suggestion is ranked according to a usage frequency.

46. (Original) The web service of claim 39 wherein possible suggestions include replacement of a key word within a sentence with an idiom.

47. (Original) The web service of claim 46 wherein the idiom has a similar meaning as the key word.

48. (Original) The web service of claim 46 wherein possible suggestions include modification of text associated with the key word.

49. (Original) The web service of claim 48 wherein modification of text associated with the key word includes deletion of an adverb preceding the key word.

50. (Original) The web service of claim 48 wherein modification of text associated with the key word includes deletion of an adjective preceding the key word.

51. (Original) The web service of claim 48 wherein modification of text associated with the key word includes deletion of a preposition preceding the key word.

52. (Original) The web service of claim 48 wherein modification of text associated with the key word includes deletion of a verb preceding the key word.

53. (Original) The web service of claim 46 wherein possible suggestions include insertion of a connecting verb before the idiom.